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"I Can, I Will"

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# Grafton Weekly Bulletin

## The History Of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

~Internet story



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### Open Positions

#### at Grafton Career Academy

- Senior Resident Advisor
- CSIO Supervisor
- Academic Instructor
- Non-Resident Coordinator
- Employability Coordinator
- Career Development Manager

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## WALK BEFORE YOU RUN

The Wellness Center has created a new and exciting program called "WALK BEFORE YOU RUN". The program accepts 10 students at a time to walk 1 hour a day for 6 weeks. Instructors are given a list of the students that are participating in the 6-week program. Students meet staff at the Recreation Center deck at 2:30 p.m. and walk for one hour. Any students whose names are not on the walking list are not eligible to participate.



The following students are the first group for the Walk Before You Run Program!! If you are interested in getting into one of the 6-week programs, sign up at the Wellness Center.

Loudison Mondesir, Stephanie McNamara, Cristina Martinez, Sarah Morris, Safiya Martin, Alexis Terry, Brandon Cole, Carols Sierra, Nichole McClellan, and Latoya Hayes.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING GUEST SPEAKERS

Education and Training is hosting weekly guest speakers. Past topics included Job Skills Training, Life Skills, Mentorship.

### Speakers

Week 1—Christina Friend, former model personal trainer, James Duckett, Former NFL player.

Week 2—Lynn Ann Reed, Worcester Public Schools Guidance Counselor and Cedric Arno, Grafton Job Corps Counselor

Week 3—Lisa Dupuis, Youth Advocate and Brian Watson, Pro arena football player, New England Surge.



Brian Watson

## WELCOME NEW TRAINEES



Front row: Sabuette Lumpkin, Pauline Darilus, Rebeka Reyes

Middle row: Skye Blackmore, Victor Heggie

Back row: Armando Silva, Miquel Kaufman

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NATIONAL EXAM RESULTS

Medical Assistant students apply themselves for a full five weeks of rigorous and intense training. Then, as a final goal, they are subject to a 3-hour National test which, if passed, will earn them a National license as a Medical Assistant with EKG and Phlebotomy. Please congratulate the following students for passing the test:

Ebony Ayers  
Joshlyn Ramsey  
Shannon M. Brown  
Christina Gant  
Safiyyah Rasheed  
Yvette Sterling  
Laricha Langley  
Andrew M. Colao  
Sarah M. Morris  
Cristina Martinez



## CPP Building Clean-up



Wilfredo trims the overgrowth.

From Wednesday to Friday of last week, the CPP students, Facilities Maintenance students and Luis Mendoza assisted Ms. Lucia and Mr. Kelleher in cleaning up the outside of CPP. The students and staff pulled weeds, raked, planted and laid down mulch around the building. They made some flower beds with flowers that had been purchased from the Home Depot, including day lilies, roses, thyme, lavender and a few different wildflowers to attract hummingbirds.

The CPP staff would like to thank all the students that assisted in the long process, as well as the HBI and Maintenance staff! Thank you all for our support.

Randi Lucia, CPP Advisor



Desiree and Janae work real hard to clean up the garden.



Luis should be real proud of his work in the garden! Great Job!!!

## Academic News

### TABE GAINS

6/4/07—6/8/07

Elizabeth Burgos-Reyes

Anthony C. Correia

Claudia Cristobal

Kristopher Hubbard

Michael Perry

Joseph Roy

Congratulations!

## Recreation News

-Mr. Abdoul Samake—Rec. Supervisor

\*Twenty trainees with 4.0 SER scores or higher, and two staff went to Six Flags and enjoyed the rides from 6:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on June 9th. All the trainees had a wonderful time.



*Trainees enjoy the rides at Six Flags*



\*Girl's Night Out happened on Sunday, June 10th. Nine female trainees went out to get their nails done and socialize. All the young ladies accomplished 10 hours of community service to get on the trip.

\* The swim test is ongoing for the trainees. So far a number of trainees have taken their practical swim test at the Worcester YMCA. The students will watch a water safety video to complete their water safety requirement.

## C.N.A. UPDATE

-Instructor Julia Carolino

The Instructor welcomed new students to the C.N.A. class this week — Franchesca Conyers, Andrea Sanuders, Alfreda Freedman, and Larry Pearson. All have show much enthusiasm and have been doing a fine job in their new roles.

Alexis Ellis, Jovanny Rodriguez, Mary Johannah Mollica and Whitney Busch started clinical last week at the University Commons in Worcester. All four students have been doing an excellent job in resident care.

C.N.A. Mystery Questions:

- 1) What drug is used illegally can cause small holes in the brain that can cause early onset of Alzheimers?
- 2) A person must take in the same amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as his/her body puts out to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ balance.
- 3) When dealing with a fire, what does R.A.C.E. mean?

Want the answers? Ask a C.N.A. student!!



*Melissa Davis & Andrea Sanuders*



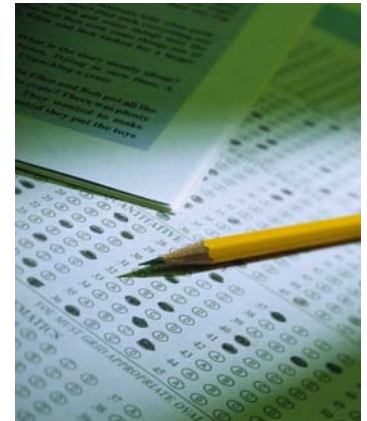
*Alfreda Freedman & Franchesca Conyers*

*New C.N.A. trainees learning their trade*

## GED ATTAINMENT

Eleven trainees passed the GED battery of tests including:

Chaume Backus  
Anthony Bouchard  
Franchesca Conyer  
Bryan Boutot  
Michael Maestaz  
Jonathan Roper  
Marley Webb  
Tiffany Novia  
Jeffrey Wolaszek  
Elizabeth Baez



Congratulations!!



# The Safety Panther

Grafton Job Corps Career Academy's Safety Awareness Newsletter



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## Water Safety

Water sports ~ like swimming, wading, boating, and water skiing ~ are fun and exciting. But they can also be dangerous for people of all ages.



1. Never swim alone or in unsupervised places.
2. Never drink alcohol and swim, boat, or water ski.
3. To prevent choking, never chew gum or eat while swimming, diving, or playing in water.
4. Learn CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation).
5. Check the water depth before entering. The

American Red Cross recommends nine feet as a minimum depth for diving or jumping.

6. Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating. Thunderstorms and strong winds are dangerous to swimmers and boaters.
7. In an open swimming area, such as an ocean or a lake, restrict activities to designated swimming areas, usually marked by buoys.

### THE GRAFTON SAFETY PANTHER SAYS:



The buddy system is safe and much more fun!

